

Siki was suspended,  
For knocking a manager down  
In France they do suspend 'em,  
but  
Americans give 'em the crown.

# Mountaineers Prepared for Virginia Contest

RIGH EARFUL  
Ring around a rosey  
Once more let us forget  
Old Joe Beckett ain't been slugged  
By Tommy Gibbons yet.

## SPEARS MAY USE SOME NEW PLAYS IN COMING GAME

Battle Expected to Prove One  
of Most Interesting  
of the Season.

MORGANTOWN, Nov. 17.—To-morrow's clash between the Virginia and West Virginia University eleven is going to be one of the biggest contests of the day in this section of the country. Hundreds of fans are already on the scene, many of them coming here for the express purpose of getting a line on the undefeated Mountaineers who have been rated as one of the strongest teams in the east. The Mountaineers are in a fairly good shape for the game but the ineligibility of freshman players weakens the team in several places.

Just what program the Mountaineers will follow in tomorrow's game is a mystery. Secret practice sessions have been in vogue all week and Coach Spears has not allowed too much of his team's activity to be made public. He is reported to have given a number of new plays to his men this week but their nature has been kept under cover. Doctor Spears believes that secrecy is good for West Virginia fans who are wont to become overly enthusiastic if they see the team when it has a particularly good day in practice. He has found that he can secure better results from his men when they practice in secret and also that they always perform better after working a week behind closed gates.

Virginia's splendid record and 23-6 victory over Washington and Lee has been sufficient to convince Coach Spears and the Mountaineers that the Old Dominion eleven is much stronger than the outfit they met and defeated by a 7-0 score last fall. Outside of this little or nothing is known here about the South-eastern. Press dispatches have contained no "real" news and at 10 o'clock this morning the team's statistics had not yet been received here. Local officials have kept the wires burning to secure "copy" for use in the illustrated program but as yet no word has been received from Charlottesville.

## RIVALS TO DINE AFTER BIG GAME

West Virginia and Virginia  
Will Have Dinner at  
Restaurant.

MORGANTOWN, Nov. 17.—A precedent in college athletic circles, especially as it relates to football, will be established here on Saturday when, following the gridiron tussle between the University of Virginia and West Virginia, the members of the two teams will sit down and eat the evening meal together.

The dinner will be served at a local restaurant and will be extended by the thirty members of the Virginia squad as well as thirty seven members of the "Varsity" squad of West Virginia, and the coaches, managers, et al., attached to each team.

There will be nothing formal whatever about the dinner, no speeches being permitted or expected, and the whole affair is merely a matter of the members of the two contending teams which an hour before were going at each other like "cats and dogs" sitting down to a pleasant meal together to forget all about the football game.

Two years ago the West Virginia squad was invited to take lunch with the Yale squad preceding their game at the Bowl but unavoidable circumstances prevented this invitation from accepting this invitation. At this time it was announced that this marked the first instance of its kind in college circles and it is felt here locally that no teams ever before agreed to sit down and be sociable after the knocks of a battle had been experienced.

## HAGENLACHER AND CONTI MEET IN TOURNEY TODAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Roger Conti of France and Robert Hagelacher of Germany will meet in the matinee match today of the international 18.2 ballline billiard tournament. Hagelacher, whose high run for the tournament is 175, has failed to win any of the three matches in which he has played. Conti's tournament score is: won, one, and lost, one.

WHILE Hoppe, former champion, won his second game of the tournament last night by defeating Walker Cochran 500 to 162, in nine innings.

TO PROTEST AGAINST PLAN  
NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Indications today were that some sort of a formal protest will be made to the Professional Golfers' Association when it convenes in this city next Monday to the suggestion made last week by the United States Golf Association that "for the good of the game professional golf matches adorned with fancy purses be curtailed."

## Crack Badger Forward



GUARD HOFFELD, WISCONSIN.

When Michigan meets Wisconsin the men of Yost will be up against a stronger line than they have faced in any game this year.

The Wisconsin line has outplayed its opponents in every game, and made possible many of the sensational plays of Captain Rollie Williams, the star of the Badgers' great backfield.

No player in the line has shown to better advantage than Guard Hoffeld, who is making a strong bid for All-Western honors.

## PUNTS AND PASSES

By LARRY.

### Ready for Game.

The Fairmont High School eleven will finish preparation today for the game with Weston at Weston tomorrow. The team is in good shape and should make a fine showing against the Lewis County eleven. It will likely be a hard battle. The team and rooters will leave here at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, arriving at Weston at noon, where they will have luncheon and rest an hour or two before going to the field. The East Side teams will have some work tomorrow, too. The first team will play Salem High School at South Side Park, while the second team will play the second team at Morgantown in a preliminary battle.

### How About School?

Fairmont High School has issued a challenge to the East Side High School to play another football game to decide the city championship during the week of December 4. Both ice and damage are confident that their men would gain the decision in the second bout, and no doubt the game would be a big drawing card and a money maker for the two schools, but I doubt if the contest will be played. There are several things that are to be considered, one of which is the precedent that would be set by such action. From a selfish motive I would like to see the game played over in order that I could get a chance to see the two teams play against each other, I having been on a trip when the first battle was staged, but in the long run it might not be for the good of the scholastic game in this section. Perhaps it would be better to allow the situation to stand as it is until next year and allow interest in the annual battle to gather momentum all that time. However, the matter of another game is entirely a case for the authorities of the two schools to decide and not a case for decision by newspaper writers. Therefore, I trust that this article will not be construed as an effort to influence either side.

### Odds and Ends.

The Fairmont second team played the Grafton second team to a 7 to 7 tie at Grafton yesterday. An intercepted pass and a long forward pass were responsible for the scores.

Homor Toothman and his Fairmont State Normal team are playing at California State Normal School this afternoon. Considering the condition of the Fairmont team, the game should be a hard one. The Normalites finish the season next week with a game here with Broadus.

Wash-Jeff will put in the Freshman rule on September 4, 1924, by a decision of the authorities at that institution last night. The step has been contemplated for some time. This puts the President up a notch in the college world.

Michigan holds the distinction of being the only team in the country that has not yielded a point this season. Wisconsin's goal line has not been crossed, but they have been scored on. Princeton has a big chance to-morrow. They have not defeated both Yale and Harvard in the same year since 1911. Sam White picked up a fumble in each game that year and landed two victories with long dashes down the field. Princeton is the greatest team of the Big Three at following the ball and scooping up fumbles. The other fellow's mistakes count more for Princeton than their own attack. Yale won last year 13 to 7, the year before Princeton smashed through 30 to 0. In 1919, Yale tried a lateral pass deep in their own territory. There was a fumble—and a Princeton victory.

California has passed the 300 mark in scoring. They have made 309 points this season. Mention of that team heads the individual scorers with 103 points.

Both Yale and Princeton are in

## SCOTT HAS BEST RECORD OF ALL

Yankee Shortstop Has Played  
in Nearly 1,000 Games  
Without Missing.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Health so perfect as to be almost annoying to others, some sheer luck, the will to carry on under difficulties, but most of all a sincere love for the profession he adorns, has enabled Everett Scott, the Yankee shortstop, to play through nearly one thousand consecutive ball games since 1915. It is a record for endurance in professional baseball that may stand forever, and only a man with an abiding affection for the game could have been a party to the transaction.

"I will quit playing baseball when they tear the uniform off my back," says Scott, "and then I'll go out and play with the kids on the lot."

Contrast that attitude with the common and accepted theory among ball players that a day off from the ball field is a boon second only to base hits and pay envelopes. There are players who come to detest the sight of a bat or ball as the season wears on and will resort to all manner of evasions and excuses to escape appearing in the line-up.

Scott played in nearly one thousand consecutive games, not so much because he wanted to create a record, but rather because he is not happy outside a ball park. He is much like Jim McGuire, the old catcher, who would have played till nightfall if he could have persuaded anyone to stay out there with him.

Within a matter of weeks Scott paid more than \$40 in taxi and trolley fares to get to Chicago in time to play in a game after a train had been wrecked somewhere over in Indiana. On that occasion of course, he probably was thinking more of preserving his record than anything else, yet who can say, offhand, that it wasn't his intense desire to help his team that inspired the effort?

It was the third time Scott was able to sustain his record under difficulties. Only kind fate saved him the first time. That was in 1918, when he had played about 550 consecutive games, and all was serene until he managed to raise a boil over his right eye.

It was extremely painful and virtually closed the eye, so Scott was ordered to his room for the day. But it rained with sincere persistence that afternoon and Scott was back the next day sound as ever.

Subsequently, he was over in Philadelphia for a game and after Wyckoff threw a couple near his head in batting practice Scott started toward the bench. While on his way he turned to give the wild man a dirty look and walked right into one of Waite Hoyt's fast ones as the latter was warming up. The ball was landed behind the ear and Scott was out for 20 minutes, but he got up in time to play the game.

Only once during his career in the majors was he seriously injured. In 1915 he was spiked in the foot by Cobb as the Peach came tearing into second base. The next day he tried to play in a pair of Bill Carrigan's shoes, which managed to accommodate his handgrip foot, and in making a quick throw to first tore the ligaments in his ankle.

He was out then for five or six weeks. The chances are that he never forgave himself.

The change was made because with the quarterback yelling the signals it was often impossible to hear them because of the shouting of spectators. The noise was so great that the signals were either lost entirely or misunderstood, often disastrous in either case.

"With eleven players participating in the discussion, eleven minds are working and the quarterback can usually get some assistance, particularly when there are two or three players, in the lineup who are quick to analyze situations. This it appears to us, seems to be a special gift that only a few have. At any rate the quarterback need never rely solely upon his own judgment and there is no reason why suggestions should not be made. The idea of having the quarterback autocrat of the attack has lost vogue in recent years and there are a number of good eleven men where the fullback or one of the halfbacks calls the signals. The fullback is in better position to see the opposing defense and take advantage of the other team's formation and several coaches are strongly in favor of having the fullback direct the offensive. In the Western Conference style of play the fullback can furnish advice and suggestions."

Making a review of the famous Wash-Jeff-Lafayette game, to say:

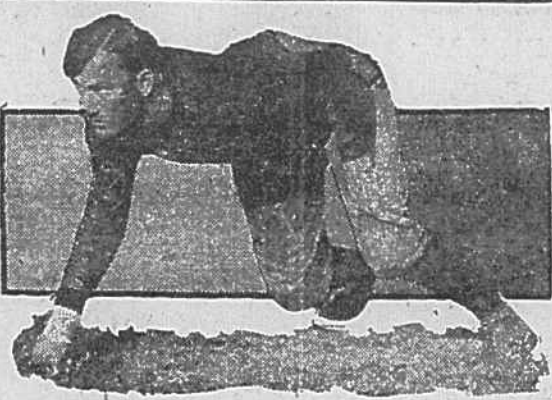
"Reading analytical accounts of the memorable Lafayette-Washington and Jefferson football game on the Polo Grounds we discover that the touch-down on which Washington and Jefferson brought the score to a tie was the 'Statue of Liberty' play and that Washington and Jefferson borrowed this play from California. The play, we are told, was one of the big tricks of the California eleven and Washington and Jefferson

Coach Bill Roper of the Tigers has a habit of rushing a fresh man into the fray any time he feels that one of his players is weakening. He watches every move of his athletes closely. It seems second nature for him to detect when a player has lost his punch.

While Stout didn't break into the headlines of the Princeton-Harvard game, his entry into the affair was the turning point as I saw it.

Shortly after he had entered the game, only a play or two having been made, Cleaves of Princeton punted to Spalding on Harvard's 40 yard line. The punt was high and gave Stout a chance to pick his way through the host of Harvard interferences. As Spalding

## Michigan Must Watch Him



GUARD CHRISTIANSE N, WISCONSIN

Coach John Richards of Wisconsin has such a fine array of forwards that he is often at a loss as to whom he should call upon.

Richards is planning his hopes of victory over Yost in his line which is the more experienced of the two.

caught the ball Stout tackled him viciously and threw him for a six yard loss.

Back in punt formation, Kherko, on the next play, took a perfect pass from Clarke and started a wide swing around Princeton's right end. It seemed Harvard had decided to immediately try out the substitute Stout.

Stout broke through, tackled Kherko so viciously that the ball bounded out of his hands and was recovered by Princeton on about the 16 yard line. Stout's desperate tackle, causing Harvard to fumble had put the Tigers in a position to score.

On the second play, Gray took a triple pass and aided by excellent interference on the part of Stout, ran the ball to the two yard line from where Princeton pushed it over for the touchdown that decided the game.

In four plays Princeton had scored a touchdown and Stout figured prominently in three of the four plays.

## GOLFERS OPPOSE PLAYGROUND PLAN

Intrusion of Women Seeking  
to Aid Children Contest-  
ed by Club.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Plans of a group of women in the fashionable Chevy Chase section to establish a children's playground on the Kirkside County Club course nearby has caused consternation among the golfers who were unaware of the women's intentions until a foursome, approaching the eighth hole, discovered a number of stakes in the middle of the fairway.

A caretaker volunteered the information "that a bunch of women had selected the spot, five acres in all, for a recreation center. From the owner of the land, they had received assurance, it was learned, that they could have it for one dollar a year rental."

But a delegation of golfers protested to the owner, who, on reflection, is said to have given his word that the course would be reserved exclusively for golf. It was reported today, however, that the women would insist on holding the owner to his assurance that they could have a slice of the land.

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## YOST MAY RETIRE AS HEAD COACH

Michigan Mentor Likely to  
Turn Worries Over to  
His Assistant.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Nov. 17.—Is Fielding Yost to retire as head football coach at the close of the present season? Gossip around the campus is in the affirmative.

Yost, who is now director of all athletics at Michigan, has been in charge of football activities as head coach for twenty-two years.

It is hinted that if all goes well at Michigan this year, and at the present time things are flourishing, Yost will turn the football warriors over to his assistant, George Little. Of course, Yost will continue to act in an advisory capacity as director of athletics.

Yost has an enviable record as football coach at Michigan. He certainly put the Maize and Blue

on the map from a sporting standpoint.

Yost came to Michigan in 1901. He probably won his greatest fame in his first four years at Michigan. His teams from 1901 were practically invincible. Those were the days of the "point-a-minute" eleven.

Michigan in the first four years of Yost's regime won fifty-five out of fifty-seven games, tying one and losing the other. Minnesota in 1903 played the Wolverines to a 6 to 6 tie, while Chicago in 1905 beat Michigan, 2 to 0, because of a "bone" play on the part of Denny Clarke, which permitted Chicago to score a safety.

During his first five years at Michigan Yost's teams scored 2,790 points to the opposition's 42, a most remarkable record that probably will never be equaled in collegiate circles.

Thus it is easy to see that Yost has had more than his share of glory and he is willing, yet anxious, to step down when he finds someone he believes will fill the bill. Looks very much as if he had that man in George Little, his present assistant.

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